

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Below is a chart which identifies each unaccredited program, its assigned accrediting agency, a summary of the institutional response, staff comments, and the staff recommendation.

INSTITUTION	UNACCREDITED PROGRAM/CIP CODE	MANDATORY ACCREDITATION AGENCY	INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE	STAFF COMMENTS	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Nunez	AAS-Industrial Technology - 15.0404	National Association of Industrial Technology	This program was not approved by the Regents until August 2005; hence, the three-year period allowed for attainment of NAIT accreditation has not yet expired. As it has already done for three other similar programs, the College intends to seek NAIT accreditation in a timely fashion.	The staff notes that Nunez previously offered an unaccredited AAS program in Industrial Technology Management which was terminated due to low numbers of completers and which the current redesigned program replaced. Since the new program is significantly different in design and scope from the previous one, the staff believes that the College should be given an opportunity to attain NAIT accreditation. At the same time, the staff is also cognizant that the student needs for such a program at Nunez may be considerably altered by recent catastrophic events. Accordingly, while this program should be maintained for the time being, the staff strongly advises the College that it may want to reconsider the program's relevance. The staff has also advised the College to pursue program structures used by other similar institution in considering appropriate ways to offer the training/education that students want and employers need.	Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007. Before that date, the College shall either begin the NAIT accreditation process, or request program termination with plans for a more relevant associate-program substitute.

Nunez (cont.)	AAS-Emergency Medical Technician - 510904	Commission on Education of Allied Health Education Programs/Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in EMT-Paramedic	The College indicates that a CAHEP accreditation review visit was scheduled for October, 2005, but cancelled due to hurricane damage. Classes in this program are scheduled to resume in Spring 2006. The College will reschedule the CAHEP accreditation review as soon as labs are reequipped and functioning at previous levels.	The staff observes that this program has been in existence since 1993 and has had more than sufficient time to achieve necessary accreditation. Indeed, even if the original CAHEP accreditation visit had occurred, it would have been too late to meet the Regents deadline. Given the College's lack of effort in achieving accreditation in a timely fashion, the existence of a fully accredited similar program at nearby Delgado, and serious questions regarding the future of the College, the staff sees little sustaining reason to continue this program.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. New students who wish to pursue this program may enroll at nearby Delgado.
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SUS	AAS- Safety and Hazardous Materials - 15.0704	National Association of Industrial Technology	SUS claims that NAIT accreditation for this program is “not applicable.”	<p>The staff observes that NAIT’s website lists varied Safety, Hazardous Materials, and Environmental Technology programs throughout the country that are accredited through this agency. The staff’s reading of NAIT guidelines also supports its opinion that such accreditation is available for this program. Further, a similar program at Delgado is already NAIT accredited. Lastly, the staff quotes from Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - <u>Program Accreditation</u>: “All Technology Associate of Applied Science programs and non-Engineering Technology Bachelor of Science degree programs in CIP Code 15 must be accredited by the National Association for Industrial Technology (NAIT) or an equivalent appropriate accrediting agency, if available. “</p>	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. New students who wish to pursue this program may enroll at similar programs at LSUE/SLU/Delgado or other nearby related Industrial Technology programs.
SUS (cont.)	CTS-Histotechnology - 51.1007	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	SUS indicates that it did not seek accreditation for this program due to “lack of sufficient space and renovation delays.” It agrees to continue to evaluate the program and pursue NAACLS accreditation when the program becomes viable for such.	The University’s justification is an inadequate reason to maintain the program. Knowing that NAACLS accreditation was required when the program was approved in 2002, SUS should have made sure that all resources needed were available within the limited period allowed for attainment of accreditation.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. New students interested in this area of studies may pursue a wide variety of programs in clinical laboratory science throughout the state.

	CTS-Phlebotomy - 51.1009	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	SUS notes that only recently did NAACLS decided to approve (not accredit) Phlebotomy programs. Hence, the University should have until 2007 to attain NAACLS certification.	The staff agrees with the University's observations.	Conditional maintenance until Fall 2008. The program must seek and attain NAACLS approval by the above deadline.
Nicholls	BS-Manufacturing Engineering Technology - 15.0805	Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology	Nicholls did not provide a specific rationale for the lack of mandated program accreditation. The University notes, however, that student enrollment has been erratic in the past, few graduates have been produced, and there have been difficulties in engaging/sustaining employment of needed faculty.	The staff observes that Nicholls once offered a closely related B.S. program in Engineering Technology which was cancelled in 1996 due to low numbers of completers. This replacement program was developed in 2000 by a previous administration that believed that needed resources would become possible in subsequent years due to perceived industrial needs and resultant student interest. In fact, the program proposal expected some 242 student enrollees by this time—right now there are only 42 majors and only 9 students have graduated since program inception. This relatively low level of student interest is simply insufficient to underwrite the very high costs of a program of this type. The staff further observes that the University currently has four programs under conditional status—all of which required additional resources to be maintained. It is highly unlikely that the University will be able to respond to all of these needs given the current and likely future limited levels of state support.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program.

	AS-Petroleum Services - 15.0903	Referred to the National Association of Industrial Technology for assessment of accreditation eligibility	The University contacted NAIT regarding possible program eligibility. NAIT responded by advising a consultant visit prior to a decision. is awaiting a response from NAIT regarding program eligibility.	The University believes that the questions regarding program eligibility can be answered finally after a NAIT consultant visit anticipated for this spring.	Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007, pending the results of an NAIT consultant assessment of program accreditation eligibility.
Nicholls (cont.)	AS-Petroleum Services Safety Technology - 15.0903	Referred to the National Association of Industrial Technology for assessment of accreditation eligibility	The University contacted NAIT regarding possible program eligibility. NAIT responded by advising a consultant visit prior to a decision. is awaiting a response from NAIT regarding program eligibility.	The University believes that the questions regarding program eligibility can be answered finally after a NAIT consultant visit anticipated for this spring.	Conditional maintenance until May 1, 2006, pending the results of an NAIT consultant assessment of program accreditation eligibility.
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South Louisiana Community College	AAS-Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic - 51.0904	Commission on Education of Allied Health Education Programs/Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in EMT-Paramedic	The College notes that it has not yet received institutional (SACS) accreditation. Until its has done so, College programs will not be eligible for disciplinary (CAAHEP) accreditation.	The staff agrees with the College's observations.	Conditional maintenance until two years after the attainment of SACS institutional accreditation.

	AS-Industrial Technology - 15.0612	National Association of Industrial Technology	The College notes that it has not yet received institutional (SACS) accreditation. Until its has done so, College programs will not be eligible for disciplinary (NAIT) accreditation.	The staff agrees with the College's observations.	Conditional maintenance until two years after the attainment of SACS institutional accreditation.
Bossier Parish Community College	AAS-Computer Drafting and Design - 15.1399	National Association of Industrial Technology	The College states that it was unaware that NAIT accreditation was mandatory for this program. This ten-year old program was not designed to meet NAIT accreditation, so the College has always listed the program as "not eligible." The College believes that a NAIT-type program would not meet student needs.	The staff quotes from Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - <u>Program Accreditation</u> : "All Technology Associate of Applied Science programs and non-Engineering Technology Bachelor of Science degree programs in CIP Code 15 must be accredited by the National Association for Industrial Technology (NAIT) or an equivalent appropriate accrediting agency, if available. " The College's lack of awareness of this requirement is not sufficient justification to maintain this unaccredited program. The staff notes that a similar programs at Delgado is already accredited and that LTC campuses with new programs in this area are seeking NAIT accreditation.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. The staff notes that the great majority of programs in this area are TD-level and widely available at LTC campuses throughout the State. New students who are interested in this area of studies may pursue programs at these other locations.

	AAS-Industrial Technology - 15.0612	National Association of Industrial Technology	The College has not sought NAIT accreditation because the program has not produced enough graduates. The College desires accreditation and will seek it once numbers are sufficient.	At the outset, the fact that this program has produced insufficient numbers of graduates over its six-year history raises serious doubt concerning need. Regents policy provides for adequate time to generate appropriate student numbers to qualify for NAIT accreditation and this program has failed to do so.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. New students who are interested in this area of studies may pursue Industrial Instrumentation Technology at nearby LTC-Northwest.
Sowela Technical Community College	TD-Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - 47.0201	HVAC Excellence	SOWELA indicates it is working toward HVAC accreditation and should be there soon.	The staff notes that this program has been in existence since 2000 and the accreditation policy active since 1999. There has been more than sufficient time for SOWELA to attain needed accreditation. Also, almost all other programs of this type/level offered by LTC and CC campuses have already attained such accreditation.	Immediate termination, with the usual provisions to assure the continuing education of full-time students currently enrolled in the program. New student who wish pursue this program may do so at 18 other LTC/CC campuses which have accredited TD programs or matriculate through Sowela's Certificate.
	TD-Automotive Technology - 47.0604	National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation	SOWELA sent appropriate documentation indicating NATEF accreditation.	With this new information, the staff agrees that the program should be maintained.	Maintain and update the Regents' records.
Delgado Community College	AAS-Motor Vehicle Technology - 47.0604	National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation	Delgado sent appropriate documentation indicating NATEF program accreditation.	With this new information, the staff agrees that the program should be maintained.	Maintain and update the Regents' records.

	CTS-Diagnostic Medical Sonography - 51.0910	Commission on Education of Allied Health Education Programs/Joint Review Committee in Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Delgado sent appropriate documentation indicating JRCEDMS accreditation.	With this new information, the staff agrees that the program should be maintained.	Maintain and update the Regents' records.
ULM	BS-Aviation - 49.0102	Council of Aviation Accreditation	ULM provided a letter from CAA indicating that the program has been accepted for pre-candidacy status. The University promises to pursue appropriate accreditation with all due haste and vigor.	The staff agrees that CAA pre-candidacy status is a step in the right direction, but given the University's past slowness in responding to Regents accreditation policy, a definitive timeline for accreditation pursuit should be set. Assuming that CAA agrees that the program is eligible for accreditation, then a one-year period should be sufficient to accomplish necessary steps. The staff observes that a similar, fully accredited program is currently available at nearby La Tech.	Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007. The program/eligible program portions shall seek and attain CAA accreditation by the above date.
	PhD-Marriage and Family Therapy - 51.1505	Council of Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy	The University notes that CAMFT requires a five-year candidacy period of which ULM is in its final year. The program's self-study is already in process and is due July 1, 2006. CAMFT will conduct a site-visit shortly thereafter.	The staff notes that this program is unique in the state and provide valuable service to the citizenry. ULM has appropriately pursued accreditation in accordance with the rather lengthy timeline of CAMFT and should be accreditation eligible soon. Given this set of circumstances, it would appropriate to extend the accreditation timeline until March 15, 2007.	Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007. The program shall seek and attain CAMFT accreditation by that date.

UNO	MS-Health Care Management - 51.0701	This program is already accredited through the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business; but Accrediting Commission of Education for Health Services Administration accreditation may also be required.	The University observes that similar programs at LSU-S and ULL are not required to attain both AACSB and ACEHSA accreditation; these programs are AACSB-accredited only. AACSB accreditation is the most appropriate accrediting agency for this programs.	The staff concurs with the University's rationale for AACSB accreditation only.	Continued maintenance and an update/correction of Regents files to indicate mandated AACSB-accreditation only.
LSU-A	AAS-Radiologic Technology - 51.0911	Commission on Education of Allied Health Education Programs/Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	LSU-A noted that it believed the program to have up to five years to achieve program accreditation and has proceeded on that basis. The University notes several strengthening steps which have been taken in preparation of accreditation review, including SACS accreditation as a four-year institution, enhancement of faculty credentials, clinical improvements, and new student recruitment efforts. As a result, the University believes that it is now ready for accreditation application. Lastly, 187 students are currently enrolled and 12 graduates are anticipated this year. This strong student interest and local health-care industry needs would be unmet if this program were discontinued.	The staff observes that this program was approved in May 2001 for immediate implementation. It has graduated students since Fall 2002. In its program proposal, LSU-A indicated that its would be submitting a self-study upon graduation of its first class. Apparently, this was not done. The staff agrees that the University has undergone significant changes over the past few years which may have had an adverse impact on its ability to respond quickly to the Regents accreditation mandate. Given the University's eagerness to pursue immediate accreditation at this time, a limited grace period would be reasonable.	Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007. The program shall seek and attain JRCERT accreditation by that date.

SUNO	BS-Business Administration - 52.0201	American Assembly for Collegiate Schools of Business	The University did not provide a response.	This program was terminated by the Board of Regents on January 5, 2006 as part of SUNO's proposed Academic Program Redesign.	Already terminated.
	BS-Accounting - 52.0301	American Assembly for Collegiate Schools of Business	The University did not provide a response.	This program was terminated by the Board of Regents on January 5, 2006 as part of SUNO's proposed Academic Program Redesign.	Already terminated.

LSU A&M	MS-Medical Physics and Health Physics - 51.2205	Commission on Accreditation for Medical Physics Education Programs	<p>The University observes that this programs was a substitute degree for the former M.S. in Nuclear Science and Engineering which was terminated in 2001. When the program conversion occurred, the University implemented an aggressive plan to refocus its program requirements, research efforts, and faculty credentials to meet CAMPAP expectations. It was not until 2004, however, that a new program director could be hired. This person, Dr. Hogstrom, has the critical experience and national visibility to make this program a national success. He is a past officer of CAMPEP and has already undertaken significant changes needed to meet accreditation. It is expected that the University's accreditation self-review will be submitted this Spring and a decision reached by end of 2006. The program and its graduates are in critical need both state- and nationwide and this is the only such program in Louisiana. The program is also essential to the research and recruitment efforts of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, the largest radiation therapy research facility in Louisiana.</p>	<p>The staff agrees that this unique program is much needed in Louisiana and should be an essential offering of LSU A&M. The staff also agrees that the significant changes which had to occur to successfully convert this program from a broad Nuclear Science/Engineering degree to a specifically accredited Health and Medical Physics program would take some time to accomplish. It appears that after a somewhat slow start, LSU A&M is moving swiftly toward CAMPEP accreditation. Using their own estimations then, it is reasonable to extend the accreditation timeline until March 15, 2007.</p>	<p>Conditional maintenance until March 15, 2007. The program shall seek and attain CAMPEP accreditation by that date.</p>
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